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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/60/608 and Corr.1)*]

60/246. Questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 42/211 of 21 December 1987, 45/248 B, section VI, of 21 December 1990, 56/253 of 24 December 2001, 58/269 and 58/270 of 23 December 2003 and 59/275, 59/276 and 59/278 of 23 December 2004, and paragraphs 161 to 167 of its resolution 60/1 of 16 September 2005,

Reaffirming the respective mandates of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Committee for Programme and Coordination in the consideration of the proposed programme budget,

Having considered the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007,[1] as well as other reports[2] and statements of programme budget implications[3] submitted by the Secretary-General and the relevant reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[4] and the Committee for Programme and Coordination[5] thereon,

1. *Reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters;

2. *Also reaffirms* rule 153 of its rules of procedure;

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination as contained in paragraphs 61, 67 and 106 to 122 of its report;[5]

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[1] A/60/6 (Introduction), (Sects. 1–35), (Sect. 13)/Add.1, (Income sects. 1–3) and A/60/6/Corr.1–3.

[2] A/59/397, A/60/303, A/60/363 and A/60/537.

[3] A/60/360, A/60/396, A/60/532, A/C.5/60/12, A/C.5/60/14, A/C.5/60/15, A/C.5/60/16, A/C.5/60/17, A/C.5/60/20, A/C.5/60/21, A/C.5/60/23, A/C.5/60/24 and A/C.5/60/SR.35.

[4] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 7* and corrigendum (A/60/7 and Corr.1); A/60/7/Add.1–5, 13 and Corr.1 and 2, Add.14, 15, 16 and Corr.1, Add.17–21, 22 and Corr.1 and Add.26–30; and A/C.5/60/SR.35.

[5] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 16* and corrigendum (A/60/16 and Corr.1).

4. *Notes* that consideration of the programme narratives contained in the revised estimates [6] will follow consideration thereof by the Committee for Programme and Coordination no later than September 2006;

5. *Endorses*, subject to the provisions of the present resolution and without establishing a precedent, the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions concerning posts and non-post resources as contained in chapter II of its first report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007,[7] and the resource recommendations contained in its reports on revised estimates, including those on the 2005 World Summit Outcome,[8] and on statements of programme budget implications relating to decisions taken by the Main Committees of the General Assembly;

6. *Decides* that the staffing table for the biennium 2006–2007 shall be as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

7. *Also decides* to extend for the biennium 2006–2007 the experiment approved under paragraph 14 of General Assembly resolution 58/270, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the Assembly at its sixty-first session on the implementation of the experiment;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to utilize the arrangements referred to in paragraph 7 above to identify available posts to provide for the new post requests referred to in paragraphs IV.2, IV.28 and IV.29 of the first report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007,[7] as well as in paragraph 5 of the second report of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget;[9]

9. *Recalls* its decision in paragraph 3 (*b*) of its resolution 59/313 of 12 September 2005 entitled "A strengthened and revitalized General Assembly", and endorses the proposals contained in paragraph 3 of the statement of the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications;[10]

10. *Decides* to provide resources at the level sought by the Secretary-General in his statement of programme budget implications arising in respect of the draft resolution relating to Rwanda outreach and the amendment thereto;[11]

11. *Recognizes* the need for limited discretion in budgetary implementation for the Secretary-General within defined parameters to be agreed by the General Assembly along with clear accountability mechanisms to the Assembly for its use, on the basis of recommendations of the Secretary-General to be provided to the Assembly at its resumed sixtieth session;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to achieve further efficiencies in non-post resources, and therefore decides to adjust non-post provisions covered in paragraph 5 above by a pro rata reduction of 1.75 per cent to be applied to all sections of the programme budget;

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[6] A/60/537.

[7] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 7* and corrigendum (A/60/7 and Corr.1).

[8] A/60/7/Add.5, 13 and Corr.1 and 2, Add.15, 17–20 and 25–32.

[9] A/60/7/Add.1.

[10] A/C.5/59/35/Rev.1.

[11] A/C.5/60/20.

13. *Recognizes* that amendments to the provisions of the present resolution would stem from any decisions by the General Assembly in accordance with established procedures in response to proposals of the Secretary-General relating to paragraphs 161 to 167 of its resolution 60/1;

14. *Decides* that the Development Account shall be recosted for the biennium 2006–2007, and in this context requests the Secretary-General to pursue the relevant proposals contained in his report[12] and to provide to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session recommendations on how additional resources in the region of 5 million dollars could be added to the Development Account.

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Annex
Staffing table for the biennium 2006–2007

Category		*2006–2007*
Professional and above		
Deputy Secretary-General		1
Under-Secretary-General		29
Assistant Secretary-General		21
D-2		90
D-1		257
P-5		745
P-4/3		2 501
P-2/1		491
	Subtotal	**4 135**
General Service		
Principal level		278
Other level		2 710
	Subtotal	**2 988**
Other		
Security Service		306
Local level		1 849
Field Service		183
Trades and Crafts		176
	Subtotal	**2 514**
	Total	**9 637**

[12] A/59/397.